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word in the text is emphatic and remarkable." But how dull a sermon would you and I write upon this ready-made frame! The mistake of a book like this, to which Dr. Hastings has lent his eminent name, is that it tries to make sermonizing easy by dumping into various great texts a hodge-podge of other people's thoughts upon them. The result has none of the personal unity and practical suggestiveness of a volume of real sermons.

We do not deny that these volumes are well done and much above the average of such books, and might aid some preachers in their busy lives to "get a sermon" quickly; but we advise such men far rather to buy a good commentary, or a good life of Christ, or a good book of history, or a few great biographies, and leave these *Great Text* volumes alone. We guarantee that in the reading of the life of one great man or woman the average preacher will receive more help and find more suggestive lines of thought for sermonizing than in the whole twenty volumes of this series.

J. EDGAR PARK.

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THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE PRESENT IN GERMANY. OSWALD KÜLPE. Tr. from the 5th ed. by Messrs. Patrick. The Macmillan Co. 1913.

This is not a book of importance for scholars. But on account of the inaccessibility of much of the literature with which it deals, it may prove useful as a text-book or for popular reading.

THE MESSAGE OF THE DISCIPLES FOR THE UNION OF THE CHURCH. PETER AINSLIE, Minister of the Christian Temple, Baltimore, Maryland, President of the Commission on Christian Union of the Disciples of Christ (Fleming R. Revell Company, pp. 212. \$1.00), contains three lectures delivered before the Yale Divinity School, on the following subjects:

The Message of the Disciples of Christ;
The Origin of the Disciples of Christ;
The History of the Disciples of Christ;

together with an appendix containing

The last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery, by B. W. Stone;
A Declaration and Address by Thomas Campbell, and a Bibliography.

This book states in a clear and succinct way the teaching of the Disciples of Christ, and the relation which they wish to sustain toward other religious bodies. The writer is a representative Disciple, and while he speaks only for himself, no doubt his book would be accepted by the great majority of his brethren as a very